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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS TO PRESS FOLLOWING INTERVIEW
WITH TURKISH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL MAY 23

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS TO PRESS OUTSIDE THE PRIME MINISTRY
BY SECRETARY KISSINGER FOLLOWING HIS MEETING IN ANKARA WITH
TURKISH PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN DEMIREL FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 23:

(BEGIN QUOTE) KISSINGER: AS YOU KNOW, WE CONSIDER TURKEY
A GOOD FRIEND AND A CLOSE ALLY, AND WE WANT TO RETAIN THIS
RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE. WE ARE AWARE OF
DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE ARISEN AS A RESULT OF ACTIONS THAT
OUR EXECUTIVE IN AMERICA HAS OPPOSED. AND I HAVE TOLD THE
TURKKISH LEADERS AND THE PRIME MINISTER, WITH WHOM I HAD A GOOD
AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALK, THAT WE WOULD DO OUR UTMOST TO
RESTORE ALL THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN TURKEY
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AND THE UNITED STATES. IN THAT SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, WE REVIEWED

THE RELATIONSHIPS ON ALL LEVELS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND ALSO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, INCLUDING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ACTING AS A MEDIATOR, BUT A NEVER IT CAN BE HELPFUL TO BRING ABOUT A JUST SOLUTION, IT IS WILLING TO GIVE WHATEVER HELP IT IS ASKED TO DO. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE VERY CORDIAL RECEPTION I HAVE HAD HERE, FOR THE VERY GOOD TALKS WE HAVE HAD, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM BOTH IN BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK WITH OUR PRESIDENT. THANK YOU. MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, THANK YOU. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

Q. MR. MINISTER, WOULD YOU TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.
KISSINGER: GO AHEAD.

Q. THERE ARE REPORTS IN THE AMERICAN PRESS THIS MORNING THAT YOU ARE NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ... OR RATHER, PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE VOTING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

A. THE REPORTS HAVE NO BASIS, AND AFTER THE PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM THE NATO SUMMIT, HE WILL SUBMIT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. (END QUOTE).
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